LOUISIANA AND HAWAII.

A Jeffersonian Opportunity, Ninety Years After Jefferson Led the Way.

Every objection that has been raised to the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands in 1893 was urged with greater force and plausibility against the purchase of Lousiana in 1803. The circumstances of the two cases are similar in some respects and widely different in others. The points of difference are in favor of the present project for annexation, so far as human sagacity and foresight are capable of viewing conditions and estimating results.

Louisiana, like Hawaii, was offered to the United States. But we paid \$15,000,000 for Louisiana, while we

can get Hawaii for nothing.

The offer of Louisiana came from Napoleon, who was afraid it would be captured by England, and who wanted money. The offer of Hawaii comes from the people of the Islands, who want no compensation but the privilege of living under the American flag. To reach Louisiana from New York

required a longer and more difficult journey in 1803 than is now required to reach Hawaii. American interests are now more

important in Hawaii than they were in

Louisiana ninety years ago. Mr. Livingston, our Minister at Paris in 1803, and Mr. Monroe, who had been sent there to effect a settlement of irritating questions between specific authority to negotiate for so vast an acquisition as that of the Louisiana territory. But considering that a letter could not be sent to to Washington and an answer received in less than three months, and realizing that hesitation would be fatal, they promptly made the purchase in belaif of the United States Government.

President Jefferson was quick in bringing about a ratification of the bargain. He called an extra session of Congress, which assembled October 17 1803, and before the month had expired Louisiana was ours.

There was fierce opposition to the Louisiana purchase then, as there i now to the annexation of Hawaii. But the United States had a patriotic, farseeing and energetic administration, which knew enough to seize oppor tunities and make the most of them.

The Louisiana purchase caused threats of secession by the Mugwump element of those days, but the wisdom of Jefferson and his co-laborers has been magnificently vindicated.

The Jeffersonian policy of annexation gave us a country that stretches from ocean to ocean, from the great lakes to the southern gulf. It o put Alaska in our possession. of greater money value than Alaska, and exceeds it immeasurably in importance as an outpost in the path of a vast international commerce.

An irretrievable blunder may committed, unless the tactics of the Administration are soon chang d I we spurn the offer of the Hawaiians we will have no right to object in casa similar offer is made to Great Br tim and accepted by that power. In that event it will be very evident that something different from J. ffersonism was placed in power at Washington on the 4th of last March .- Rochester (N. Y.

QUEER BIRD THIS.

Its Song is Like the Lion's Roar-It is Omnivorous, With the Accent on the Om.

The dance of the ostrich is one of those peculiar native customs which certain native fowls develop without any apparent incentive except it may be the law of heredity. It usually occur at early morning, when the young strong birds are let out of their en closure, and is said to be entirely due to awkwardness and uncertainty. This leads them to advance and turn in dervish-like whirl which is very quaint and fantastic as they float about assisting their motions by their outspread wings. They circle and reverse almost as a waltzer would, and when a larger number of these strange birds ge through their dancing antics it is almost impossible to believe that they have not been taught the accomplishment by a dancing master. Their waltz often ends in disaster, as they break each other's legs, which is certain death, or become dizzy and fall down in a demoralized heap. The kick of at ostrich has been known to destroy life.

In the opening chapter of Rider Haggard's "Jess" there is a highly dramatic account of a fight for life with an ostrich, and it is historically correct. In fighting they are apt to break their own legs, they give such desperate blows. Indeed, it would seem as if all the vital energies of the great bird were centred in its long, ungainly legs, which are graceful only when going across their native grass-covered plain with a rapidity of motion that must be seen to be appreciated.

I am only rehearsing a few of the peculiarities of the creature which have made it of interest ever since the days of Job, "which leaveth her eggs in the earth and warmeth them in the dust." It would appear to be an evidence of cunning rather than of stupidity for Mrs. Ostrich to ad opt this very simple method of incubation However, it has its disadvantages, for while she is away getting a go d dinner her enemy, the white-necked crow spies the unguarded nest. He know he cannot break one of these mam moth eggs and devises a shrewd plato help him. Taking a stone in hi beak, he flies over the spot, calculates with bird sagacity the necessary dis tince, and drops the stone. Piurk! An egg is broken, and he descends to

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